

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 7, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:07 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

A. Opening Prayer was given by Council Person Craig Hawes.

B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students from North High School along with their government teacher, Mr. Lewis, introduced themselves.

Mayor Armstrong introduced the two pages for the evening. The pages were Brianna Merritt, 6th grader at Clifty Creek Elementary and Mike Junikowski, 8th grader at Central Middle School. Each student introduced themselves and talked about their interests.

President Pro Tem Martha Myers spoke about the success of the East Girls' High School basketball team and commended them for a great season.

C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Martha Myers, August Tindell Absent: Robert Kittle.

D. Acceptance of minutes – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of February 20, 2007. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.9, 2007, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS." (Cornerstone) Council Person George Dutro indicated he had a conflict with this Resolution and the Ordinance to follow. He would leave the room and not be voting on these two items. Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, recapped why this Resolution needed to be adopted before the Ordinance and briefly discussed the 30 acres to be annexed. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with George Dutro abstaining.

B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.6, 2007, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (Cornerstone Development Co. Annexation) Jeff Bergman indicated this item needed to be approved after the Resolution for the Fiscal Plan. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with George Dutro abstaining.

C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.10, 2007, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS."

(Wickstrom/Woodside Northwest) Jeff Bergman indicated this was a similar situation as the items before wherein the Resolution for Fiscal Plan needed to be adopted first. Jeff spoke about the 105 acres to be annexed. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- D. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.7, 2007, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Wickstrom/Woodside Northwest) Jeff Bergman briefly recapped this Ordinance. George Dutro moved to approve the Ordinance. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.8, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURAL) TO “I-3C” (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL WITH CONDITIONS)” (Wickstrom/Woodside Northwest) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, gave a brief overview of this re-zoning along with the conditions. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- F. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.9, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “SU-3 (SPECIAL USE-PUBLIC PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES).” (Oakknoll Golf Course) Jeff Bergman briefly discussed the 290 acres to be re-zoned. He indicated there was a supplemental re-zoning decision criteria and the site plan revised but felt it was ready for approval. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- G. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.10, 2007, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer was not present. However, Mayor did indicate the revisions had been made. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.11, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Sunright America) Jim Clouse, Program Manager for Community Development, presented this tax abatement. Mr. Toshiaki Takeuchi was present representing Sunright America. Sunright America asked for tax abatement in the amount of \$780,000 for new manufacturing equipment. As a result of the expansion, 51 current jobs would be retained and 3 new jobs would be added. Council

Person Craig Hawes indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Sunright America to be in substantial compliance. George Dutro gave a brief overview of the concept of tax abatement. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.12, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Columbus Components Group LLC) Jim Clouse presented this tax abatement. Mr. Mark Bandy, spoke on behalf of Columbus Components Group LLC about the company and indicated they are a manufacturer of automotive metal stampings. He stated they were requesting tax abatement on personal property in the amount of \$611,816.00 for new manufacturing equipment. As a result of this expansion, Columbus Components Group, LLC would retain 390 current employees and hire an additional 25 full-time employees. Council Person Craig Hawes indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Columbus Components Group, LLC to be in substantial compliance. Corey Carr, Executive Director of Economic Development, also spoke in support of the tax abatement. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.13, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2007 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.”(Parks) Chuck Wilt, Parks Director, presented this Resolution. He requested the “B” priority items from the Cum Cap Fund be released. Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Sullivan reported the city had not yet received a certified budget from the DLGF for 2007. She indicated she was not at all sure when the city would be receiving a Spring tax draw. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution pursuant to a certified budget order being received by the Clerk-Treasurer. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.14, 2007, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2007 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” (Police) Police Chief Bill Martin asked that his “B” priority items being police cars be released. Chief Martin indicated he understood his requested vehicles could not be ordered until he heard from the Clerk-Treasurer. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes made a motion to approve the Resolution pursuant to a certified budget order being received by the Clerk-Treasurer. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

A. Distribution of Draft Zoning Ordinance by Jeff Bergman. Jeff Bergman, City Planning Director, presented a book to each Council Person with the newly proposed City and County Zoning Ordinances.

He briefly spoke of the adoption process and asked Council to review The book.

B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.

C. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting March 20 , 2007.

D. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer